Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lynch syndrome, also referred to as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer or HNPCC, is the most common cause of hereditary colon cancer; and,

Whereas, Those with Lynch syndrome have a greater lifetime risk of colon cancer, as high as 80 percent with it often diagnosed at a younger age; and,

Whereas, Approximately 420 colon cancer cases occur in South Dakota every year – of which an estimated 2 percent to 4 percent have Lynch syndrome; and,

Whereas, Those with Lynch syndrome are also predisposed for several other cancers including ovarian, uterine, stomach, pancreas, brain, and kidney; and,

Whereas, Biological family members of an individual with Lynch syndrome are at significant risk for inheriting the condition; and,

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 96 percent of Americans believe that knowing their family medical history may save their lives, yet only a third ever gather and organize their family's health history; and,

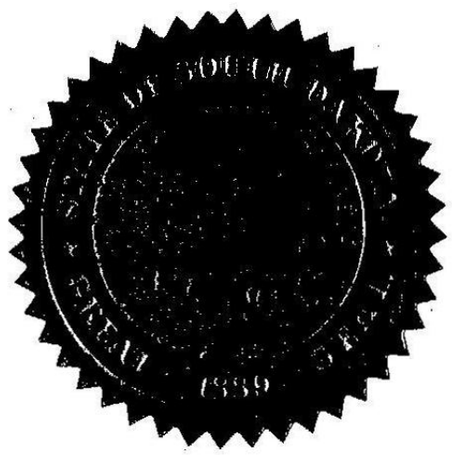
Whereas, Knowing one's family medical history and consulting with a physician about when and how to get screened for colon cancer may be one of the most important things a person can do to prevent it, or find it early; and,

Whereas, Lives can be saved, and South Dakotans can be better protected from the physical, emotional, and financial burdens of cancer through more emphasis on the importance of organizing your family's health history and increased awareness of Lynch syndrome:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Goveror of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2012 as

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State